A letter containing the Senior Consul's reply is, I understand, being sent this morning, to which I wish to refer, and in conclusion I will ask that you may be good enough to arrange that this correspondence is published in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette in order that the public and others may understand why no action was taken by this Consulate against the reputed Danish subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. Raaschou,

Consul-General for Denmark.

H. De Gray, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, August 16, 1912.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10, wherein you say that to the list of those responsible for the control of gambling houses outside limits, there are now to be added three men, respectively reputed to be Dutch, British and Danish subjects: which letter has been communicated in due course to the several members of the Consular Body.

I am now informed that this letter is the first and only information that has reached my colleagues as to any of their nationals being concerned in gambling houses, and that, before writing to the Consular Body, the Council has taken no steps to bring the matter to the notice of the Consuls concerned.

The men responsible for the management of the Mount Pleasant Hotel appear to be registered in none of the consulates here, and therefore the only thing to do was to invite the Chinese authorities to take action; this has been done. But in regard to the three names quoted in your last letter, I hardly need point out to you that since the Council has obtained so much information on the subject, the natural and obvious course for it is to communicate at once with the national authorities of these men, who will undoubtedly take all legal steps to punish them, and who alone are competent to do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. Siffert,

Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

H. De Gray, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 20, 1912.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 16, on the subject of the gambling houses in the North Honan Road.

In reply thereto, I have the honour to point out that the fact that the men responsible are registered in none of the Consulates appears to the Council to confirm the propriety of its action in notifying yourself instead of the Consulates reputed concerned, for it becomes evident that proceedings before any individual Consulate would have been foredoomed to failure, and would have left matters exactly where they were. I may add that the Council is more desirous that the public roulette should cease than that legal steps should be taken to punish those responsible.

In dealing with these purely Foreign establishments perfunctory notice to the embarrassed representatives of the unsettled Chinese Government has, up to the present, proved futile. The position is exactly the same as it was in 1909, except that the North Honan Road is not, as is the Siccawei Road, Municipal property, and before similar treatment can be applied, concerted action and due warrant by the Consular Body and the Chinese Authorities is necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Harry De Gray,

Chairman.

D. Siffert, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium.

and Senior Consul.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Singkeipang Road.—The offer of Mr. H. Lester to surrender the scheduled strip of Lot 695, measuring Mow 0.426, at the assessed value plus 10 per cent, has been accepted, Tls. 3,280.

Tramways.

Through Running.—In response to an application by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld., the Council has formally notified the Company of its sanction to the inauguration of through running via the Bund Bridge under the conditions recorded in the Gazette of May 16, so soon as convenient to the two Companies, and it was accordingly effected on August 18.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—3rd Class Inspector J. E. Johnson is promoted to be 2nd Class Inspector with effect from August 16.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sergeant H. Murray from October 20, under medical certificate.

The service of Constable A. M. Mitchell will terminate on December 11.

The Council learns with deep regret of the death of Sergeant J. H. C. Backshell on August 21.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday August 18, 1912.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,000	Deaths among Chinese population of 500,000
Small-pox.	0	2
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	—
Diphtheria.	0	2
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis	0	36
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	4	285

Arthur Stanley,

Health Officer.

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot.	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign.
598	N. Shanse & Boundary	Chinese	7 houses
1814	Weihaiwei	Denham & Rose	1 house & quarters
			Chinese.
S. of 513	Kiukiang	P. Tilley	1 Bath-house
E. of 642	Tsepoo	Chinese	4 houses & 1 gate house
598	N. Shanse & Boundary	do.	45 houses
S. of 730	N. Szechuen	A. R. Burkill & Sons	27 houses, 1 stable and quarters
554a	Cunningham	Chinese	4 sheds
1180	Dent Lane	do.	18 houses & 1 gate house
5006	Ferry	do.	14 houses
N. of 220	Myburgh	do.	4 houses

Public Band.

The performances next week will, weather permitting, be as follows:—

Mon.	Aug. 26,	9	p.m. Public Garden.
Tues.	,, 27,	9	,, Hongkew Recreation Ground.
Wed.	,, 28,	5.30	,, Public Garden.
Thurs.	,, 29,	9	,, Public Garden.
Fri.	,, 30,	5.30	,, Hongkew Recreation Ground.
Sat.	,, 31,	4.30	,, Public Recreation Ground.
,,	,, ,,	9	,, Public Garden.

Electrical Engineer's Report for June.

Generation.—During the six months ending June 30 the generating costs per unit have been gradually lowered, and they are the lowest yet recorded in this undertaking. The installation of the two Howden-Siemens turbo-alternators last year brought the percentage

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of turbine plant in the station to a greater generating capacity than the older reciprocating engine plant. This predominance of turbine plant has to no small extent contributed to the more economical running of the station and the lowering of the work's costs.

The plant has been well maintained and has operated satisfactorily. The expenses incurred for the conversion of the two Bruce Peebles alternators from single to two-phase machines has been more than justified by the results. The system of locating the electrically-driven centrifugal pumps – for condenser water supply to the two Howden turbines – on the creek is an improvement upon the arrangement of water supply to the remaining condensing plant which has its pumps located in the station at some distance from the creek.

During the hot weather, when there is a heavy demand on the station for electricity for working fans, the power factor of the generators has been greatly improved by running the 300 K.W. motor-generator over-excited on the station bus-bars.

Additional positive and negative feeder switch panels are being provided for the traction switchboard for the control of the new underground traction feeder cables which the Tramway Co. are about to lay.

Distribution. — Low-tension Distributors. – 8.52 miles of overhead mains were erected extending the electricity supply into roads and alleyways hitherto without electricity. For enlarging existing mains .51 mile of cable was used.

Sub-stations. – One additional sub-station fitted up at Winchester Road and equipped with a 500 K.W. Transformer to give a 3-phase supply to that district.

Two additional 20 K.W. Transformers connected in the Hoopeh Road kiosk making the capacity of this kiosk 240 K.W.

West Hongkew Sub-station.—The capacity of this sub-station increased from 75 to 150 K.W.

Poles.—79 new poles erected during the month, and 46 poles renewed.

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR JUNE.

	1911.	1912.
Total lamps connected	234,600	287,146
Lamps connected during month	3,033	2,380
House service connexions during month	58	185
Motors – horse power, to date	1,371	2,294
Units generated	689,715	978,739
Units sold	602,566	837,194
Ratio between units generated and sold	%87.37	85.54
Private lighting	251,538	361,652
Public lighting	64,240	63,113
Heating	1,191	2,127
Power	45,739	155,410
Traction	211,463	222,675
Units accounted for	28,395	32,217
Coal tons	1,519	1,889
Coal per unit generated lbs.	4.93	4.32
Coal per unit sold ,,	5.66	5.05
Oil gallons	99	192
Water ,,	44,000	81,000

Lamps Connected.—During the month the nett result after deducting the number of lamps temporarily disconnected owing to removals, etc., is an increase of 2,380—30 watt lamps, which brings the total connected to 287,146. At first sight this increase may not seem very large particularly when it is noted that the number of house connexions are very much greater this year than in the first six months of 1911, but it is accounted for by the number of small consumers who are now being connected in increasing numbers.

House Service Connexions. – During the six months 660 new services were made, whereas during the whole of 1911 the total number was only 741, so it looks as if this year will be a record one in respect of new services and consumers.

Units Sold. – The following table gives a good idea of the general increase in the use of electricity in Shanghai for various purposes : –

Units Consumed – January to June.

	1911.	1912.	Increase	per cent.
Lighting	1,693,164	2,203,910	510,746	30.16
Power	209,364	675,352	465,988	222.57
Lifts	47,978	58,636	10,658	22.21
Heating	21,623	58,581	36,958	170.92
Public	426,196	459,178	32,982	7.74
Traction	1,203,549	1,424,950	221,401	18.39
Accounted for	181,209	203,351	22,142	12.22
Total	3,783,083	5,083,958	1,300,875	34.39 % (total increase)

The most remarkable increase is in the number of units sold for power purposes : it distinctly indicates that electricity is becoming a very important factor in the industrial life of the place. Heating and cooking is also coming along well ; the increase in the number of units sold for this purpose being from 21,623 to 58,581 or 171 per cent. The latter half of the year will probably show a bigger increase in the heating and cooking load than the first six months have shown.

Motors.—A few motors were disconnected in places where the users were either giving up business or removing to other premises, but the nett result is a gain of five new motors connected aggregating 210.5 horse power, which brings the total connected up to 2,294 horse power. At the same period last year the total horse power connected was 1,371 so that this increase, representing 125 per cent., may be regarded as very satisfactory. It is a matter of interest, as showing the progress of this particular business, that in July this year about 240 additional horse power was connected. In one cotton mill 206 horse power was temporarily installed pending the arrival of new motors which have been specially ordered for this mill. When these are installed, probably in September, the mill will have a total horse power of 280.

Agreements are about to be signed with two cotton mills which will add about 600 horse power to be supplied at one mill, and about 400 at the other. This additional load is expected to come on early next year. It will be noted that all this additional power work will practically enable the Riverside Power Station to operate within a few months of its opening under very good conditions. It is anticipated that the load by the middle of next year will be sufficient to get it running day and night at full load.

Riverside Power Station.—The greater part of the steelwork of the building is now erected, also the internal coal bunkers: the galvanised iron roofing and walls are also being fixed to the steelwork. The boilers have been tested hydraulically and the brickwork setting and walls are now being built up.

The turbine foundations are completed and the erection of the turbines commenced. Concrete flooring is being laid on the switchgear galleries.

The auxiliary steel coal bunkers are nearing completion: the coal conveying plant is in course of erection, and also the electric jib crane for coal handling; the coal crushing and automatic weighing machine is built up.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for July.

The high temperature which prevailed throughout the greater part of the month made the spending of a portion of the day in the open air essential, consequently the Parks and Gardens were patronised to an exceptional extent. The value of shady resorts in open situations was particularly obvious in the Public Garden, where on the water front, under the dense shade of massive plane trees, children were able to spend the greater part of the day. Hongkew Recreation Ground though less shady was, owing to its open situation, a few degrees cooler in the evenings than places within the Settlement. The roof of a summerhouse in the Public Garden collapsed. As white ants were discovered in the pillars, the entire structure was removed and burnt, and a new house of rustic wood was constructed, the pillars being embedded in five inches of tar chips.

There was an increase in the numbers of people who attended the Band Concerts. Particularly noticeable is this increase in Hongkew Recreation Ground where in absence of traffic noises, every note can distinctly be heard nearly all over the Ground.

Nurseries.—Early sowings of such Spring flowers as wall-flowers, myosotis, etc., were effected. Beds on which the majority of Spring and early summer flowering plants will be sown early in September are in course of preparation.

Plans. — Sketches showing three alternative methods of laying out the addition to Hongkew Recreation ground were prepared.

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Bedding plants have been planted during the month.—

Public Garden	1,792
Public Recreation Ground	4,294
Hongkew Recreation Ground	821
Wayside Park	400
Victoria Nursing Home	120
Chinese Public School	190
	7,617

Number of trees fastened and staked.—

	Trees Fastened	Trees Staked.
Northern District	30	15
Eastern ,,	130	77
Western ,,	471	104
Central ,,	24	16
	655	212

Trees pruned	5,383
Trees transplanted	6
Number of tree-borers destroyed	299

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Mosquito Notice.

NO STAGNANT WATER—NO MOSQUITOES.

Mosquitoes carry MALARIA and other diseases.

Mosquitoes cannot multiply except in STAGNANT WATER. Where stagnant water cannot be ABOLISHED the use of kerosine sprinkled on the surface so as to form a film will kill mosquito 'wrigglers,' as it prevents them breathing when they come to the surface.

Old tins and bottles, broken crockery, flower-pots and unconsidered ARTICLES OF THIS KIND CAPABLE OF HOLDING RAIN WATER should be carefully COLLECTED from the garden and backyard and placed in the house refuse receptacle for removal.

Tubs, kongs, water plants, flower-pot saucers or other VESSELS OF WATER which cannot be dispensed with should be EMPTIED OR SPRINKLED WITH KEROSINE ONCE A WEEK.

GARDENERS' KONGS, DUG-OUTS, WELLS AND WATER BARRELS should be done away with, water for the garden, etc., being derived directly from the tap or, if that be impossible, the kongs, etc., should be oiled once a week or kept securely covered so that mosquitoes cannot get to the water to lay their eggs.

Have the water from kennels, chicken coops, etc., regularly emptied out.

Keep drains and rain water roof channels clean and clear and in good repair. GULLY TRAPS that are not frequently flushed should be oiled weekly.

Shallow RAIN WATER POOLS AND SLUSHY PLACES can generally be obliterated by a SCRATCH DRAIN OR LEVELLED with house ashes, PONDS AND DITCHES by FILLING-IN with house refuse covered with a little earth or ashes.

ORNAMENTAL PONDS may be kept free from mosquitoes by SMALL FISH but, if mosquito 'wrigglers' be found, the water should be OILED WEEKLY preparatory to FILLING-IN.

A WEEKLY INSPECTION of house and surroundings should be made. It may be remembered that a small unheeded pot of water will suffice to breed sufficient mosquitoes to irritate a whole neighbourhood.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderer may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 23 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

二 本局有權必須承認價值之准攬人辦理公共工程之一切承攬事件

三 凡投標人須用本局所發之標單填寫其價目並須將標單密封送交本局

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TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.		
43.	Construction of a re-inforced concrete bridge over the Tsze-pang at the Shanhaikwan Road	—	August 23.
64.	Painting Markets		August 29.
65.	Painting Latrines, etc.	—	August 29.
66.	Painting West Hongkew Police Station	—	August 29.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Works, Fearon Road.		
40.	18 3-phase motors	Tls. 5	August 30.
41.	13 3-phase motors	Tls. 5	August 30.
43.	Floor and Wall Tiles for the Riverside Power Station	—	Extended to August 30.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Tender No. 63.

Electric Light Installation at the Gaol Laundry Block.

S. Kwei Ling	Tls. 443.50
Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co., Ld.	252.00
*E. E. Porter & Co., Ld.	*230,00

* Accepted.

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